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Letter dated 7 January 2004 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a general statistical table showing the number of Israeli violations committed from the month of May 2000 to the end of 2003, as well as a statistical table showing the number of Israeli violations committed during the month of December 2003 (see annex).

The nature and number of these repeated, unjustified and inexcusable Israeli violations and acts of aggression against Lebanon's sovereignty confirm Israel's premeditated intention to threaten and provoke and to disrupt security and stability in order to serve its aggressive, expansionist objectives throughout the region.

In drawing your attention to the gravity and possible consequences of these acts of aggression, I request that this letter of complaint be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 37, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Hisam **Diyab**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex to the letter dated 7 January 2004 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

General statistical table showing the number of Israeli violations committed from the month of May 2000 to the end of 2003

	In the air				*At sea*	*On the ground*			
	Jet fighters	*Reconnaissance aircraft*	*Helicopters*	*Total*		*Military attacks*	*Field violations*	*Infringements*	
Year					*Violations of territorial waters and launching of flares*	*Air raids and bombardment of military positions and important sites*	*Artillery bombardments, shooting, infiltration and placement of installations inside Lebanese territory*	*Threats and drawing of weapons, earthmoving and placement of concertina wire inside Lebanese territory*	*Total*
2000	87	34	28	149	11	24	21	12	217
2001	346	68	45	459	39	10	19	22	549
2002	212	128	38	378	49	19	30	16	492
2003	237	210	87	534	157	21	85	47	844
Total	**882**	**440**	**198**	**1 520**	**256**	**74**	**155**	**97**	**2 102**

Statistical table showing the number of Israeli violations committed during December 2003

In the air				*At sea*	*On the ground*				
Jet fighters	*Reconnaissance aircraft*	*Helicopters*	*Total*		*Military attacks*	*Field violations*	*Infringements*		
				Violation of territorial waters, shelling and launching of flares over territorial waters	*Air raids, artillery bombardments, bombardment of military positions and important sites, assault and murders of civilians*	*Shooting, dropping of artillery shells, infiltration and illegal crossing of international borders*	*Threats and drawing of weapons, earthmoving and placement of concertina wire inside Lebanese territory*	*Total*	*Total in previous month*
13	13	4	30	22	2	24	6	84	105